

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/29/70

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-4878) (P)

SUBJECT: ED LEWIS
RM - BPP

Re Los Angeles letter and LHM to the Bureau, dated 2/25/70, under Los Angeles File Number 157-1618 and Bureau File Number 105-165706, captioned, "BPP."

Referenced LHM indicated that SF 3215-R* (a source who should not be disseminated outside the Bureau without proper paraphrasing) revealed several Los Angeles names and telephone numbers to be contacted should any Panthers need bail money.

Above captioned subject and his telephone number were among those listed. LEWIS has been identified as residing at 214 St. Pierre Road, Los Angeles, California. He is employed as a producer by Joel Productions, Paramount Studios.

The Los Angeles Office is attempting to further identify and develop background information on LEWIS and the Bureau will be kept advised by suitable communication.

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Memorandum

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (157-17911)

DATE: 8/19/70

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-4878)(C)

SUBJECT: "CHANGED"

EDWARD LEWIS, aka
Ed Lewis
RM - BPP

The title is marked changed in order to reflect subject's true name of EDWARD LEWIS as supplied by the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

Re Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated 6/29/70.

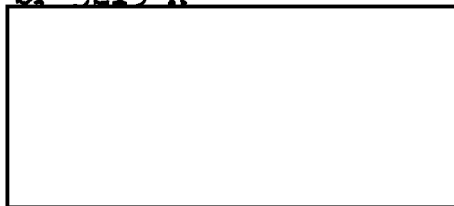
Transmitted herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) and two copies of an FD-376.

Copies of this LHM are being disseminated to Secret Service, Los Angeles, and the local military agencies.

Sources utilized in the attached LHM are as follows:

- ✓ Source One
- ✓ Source Two
- ✓ Source Three
- ✓ Source Four
- ✓ Source Five
- ✓ Source Six
- ✓ Source Seven
- ✓ Source Eight

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SF 3215-R*



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The attached LHM is being classified confidential because disclosure of data set forth from sources utilized could result in their identification, and this identification could adversely affect the internal security of the United States.

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- 1 - Los Angeles

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AGENCY: ACSI, NYC, OSI, SEC. SERV. w/photos
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The Special Agents who observed 1969 MG coupe with California license 389-BBU were [redacted] and [redacted]

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Subject is not being recommended for inclusion on the Security Index or Agitator Index in view of the fact that he does not fulfill the requirements thereof.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. LA 157-4878
Director BU 157-17911
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

August 19, 1970

EDWARD LEWIS
RACIAL MATTERS - BLACK PANTHER PARTY

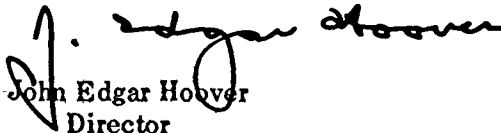
Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☒ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Re Los Angeles memorandum
dated and captioned Very truly yours,
as above.


John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service , Los Angeles (RM)

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Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Los Angeles, California
August 19, 1970

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EDWARD LEWIS
RACIAL MATTERS -
BLACK PANTHER PARTY

Source One, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [REDACTED] a Black Panther Party (BPP) (see Appendix) member, told [REDACTED] another BPP member, that he had made an appointment with Ed Lewis. This conversation took place November 30, 1969.

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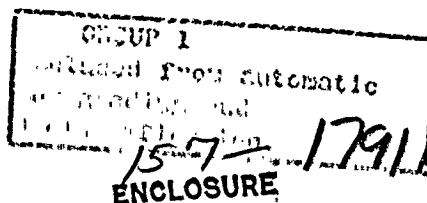
Source Two, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [REDACTED] furnished another BPP member in Berkeley, California, with a list of "rich friends in Los Angeles" and their telephone numbers, who should be called for bail money to get Panthers out of jail. Included in this list was the name Ed Lewis, telephone number 476-6082. The list was furnished January 28, 1970.

MRS. EDWARD
Source Three, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that telephone number 476-6082 is subscribed to by Ed Lewis and Mildred Lewis, 214 St. Pierre Road, Los Angeles, California.

The following record checks provided negative information regarding Ed Lewis:

Los Angeles Police Department,
Criminal Division and Traffic Division
Los Angeles Sheriff's Office
Computer Credit Corporation

The Department of Water and Power, Los Angeles, California, advised that Ed Lewis, 214 St. Pierre Road, previously resided at 153 Ashdale Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and is employed as a producer for Joel Productions at Paramount Studios.



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EDWARD LEWIS
RACIAL MATTERS -
BLACK PANTHER PARTY

A 1969 MG coupe, California license 389-BBU, was observed parked in front of the residence at 214 St. Pierre Road. by Special Agents of the FBI.

The Department of Motor Vehicles, Automobile Registration Division, advised that California license 389-BBU was issued in 1970 for a 1969 MG, vehicle identification No. GHD4U167960G, registered to Ed Lewis, 214 St. Pierre Road, Los Angeles.

[redacted]
Paramount Pictures, Incorporated, 5451 Marathon Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that Joel Productions is owned by Kirk Douglas and formerly rented space on the Paramount lot. Joel Productions has moved from the Paramount lot and currently is located at 141 El Camino, Suite 205, Beverly Hills, California.

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[redacted] said he is acquainted with the name Ed Lewis and knew that he was a producer associated with the Joel Productions Company. Because Lewis worked for an independent production company, the records of Paramount Pictures contained no information concerning Lewis. He also stated that he could furnish no descriptive data concerning Lewis, nor did he know of anyone who could furnish information concerning Lewis.

Source Four, who has provided reliable information in the past, stated that he did not know Ed Lewis personally but had maintained a few press clippings concerning Lewis. In these clippings, Lewis was identified as a vice president of Joel Productions.

Source stated that Lewis produced the motion picture, "Seven Days in May", and that this film was released by Paramount Pictures. Literature describing the film noted that Lewis, in 1964, was one of Hollywood's younger and more dynamic producers. He first became interested in show business and writing while attending Bucknell University. After World War II, Lewis eventually switched to television

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RACIAL MATTERS -
BLACK PANTHER PARTY

producing "Schlitz Playhouse" and the "China Smith" series. Since then, Lewis has concentrated on producing various pictures for Kirk Douglas. Lewis' most recent Joel Productions picture was "The List of Adrian Messenger". Source furnished a 1967 article from the "Hollywood Reporter", which noted that Lewis planned to film four pictures for Metro Goldwyn Mayer (MGM) in association with John Frankenheimer. The article noted Lewis and Frankenheimer had made the film, "Grand Prix", for MGM and were then making "The Fixer".

Source Five, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he was aware of Ed Lewis being a producer for Joel Productions but he did not know Lewis personally nor could he furnish any information concerning him.

Source Six, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he is acquainted with Ed Lewis and that Lewis is presently working for Columbia Studios in association with John Frankenheimer on a picture entitled "Fred and Maude". Source further advised that Lewis' birthdate is December 16, 1919.

The Department of Motor Vehicles, Division of Driver's License, furnished a driver license photograph for Ed Lewis, 214 St. Pierre Road, Los Angeles, California, and also provided the following descriptive information:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	December 16, 1919
Height	5'8"
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Marital Status	Married

Source Seven, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Ed Lewis recently purchased

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some property near Bakersfield, California, which is being used by Caesar Chavez, a leader of the AFL-CIO United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, in order to train individuals in picket methods. Source advised that there was no information of any kind connecting Lewis with the BPP.

Source Eight, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is familiar with members and activities in the BPP, advised that Ed Lewis was not known to him to have ever contributed any money to the BPP. Source stated he has never heard of anyone by the name of Ed Lewis.

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APPENDIX~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

BLACK PANTHER PARTY,
Also Known As
Black Panther Party for Self-Defense

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, BPP Minister of Defense. NEWTON was sentenced in 1968 to serve 2 to 15 years after being convicted of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther", which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service", states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, GEORGE MASON MURRAY, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement "...we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

APPENDIX~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

DATE: 7-7-76

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FROM: *JW/K* LEGAT, MEXICO CITY [redacted]

SUBJECT: TRAVEL MATTERS - CUBA
[redacted]

ENCLOSURES

Edward Lewis

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Enclosed are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above, concerning the travel to Cuba by [redacted]

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~~Two copies of the enclosed LHM are for dissemination to the field office receiving copies of this letter.~~

ADMINISTRATIVE

Indices, Mexico City, are () Negative
() Positive (See Below)

SOURCE

[redacted] on 7-4-19-76

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by to AAG (SS), STATE [redacted] SS

Routing slip for

info ☐ action

date 7-28-76

by RJC:mp

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- 6 - Bureau (Enc. 10)
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(2 - Los Angeles)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

July 7, 1976
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TRAVEL MATTERS - CUBA

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that the following named United States citizen traveled by air from Mexico City to Havana, Cuba, with no evidence of United States Department of State authorization for the travel.

Name: [REDACTED]

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Birth Data: [REDACTED]

Residence: [REDACTED]

Passport Number: [REDACTED]

Date of Travel: April 19, 1976

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7-7-76

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FROM : *JW* LEGAT, MEXICO CITY

SUBJECT: TRAVEL MATTERS - CUBA

ENCLOSURES

Edward Lewis

Enclosed are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above, concerning the travel to Cuba by MILDRED LEWIS.

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Indices; Mexico City, are ~~(x)~~ Negative
() Positive (See Below)

SOURCE

on 4-19-76

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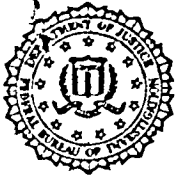
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(2 Los Angeles)

1 - Mexico City

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

July 7, 1976

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TRAVEL MATTERS - CUBA

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that the following named United States citizen traveled by air from Mexico City to Havana, Cuba, with no evidence of United States Department of State authorization for the travel.

Name: ~~Mildred Lewis~~

Birth Data: ~~4/150 50~~

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Residence: ~~146 Groverton Place, Los Angeles, California~~

Passport Number: ~~C1591517~~

Date of Travel: ~~April 19, 1976~~

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]

DATE: 7-7-76

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FROM: *JW/K* LEGAT, MEXICO CITY [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: TRAVEL MATTERS - CUBA
[REDACTED]

ENCLOSURES

Enclosed are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above, concerning the travel to Cuba by EDWARD LEWIS.

Two copies of the enclosed LHM are for dissemination to the field office receiving copies of this letter.

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Indices, Mexico City, are (x) Negative
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(2 - Los Angeles)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

July 7, 1976

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TRAVEL MATTERS - CUBA

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that the following named United States citizen traveled by air from Mexico City to Havana, Cuba, with no evidence of United States Department of State authorization for the travel.

Name: Edward Lewis

Birth Date: Age 56

Residence: 146 Groverton Place, Los Angeles, California

Passport Number: C1591515

Date of Travel: April 19, 1976

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-17911)

DATE: 12/3/76

FROM : ADIC, LOS ANGELES (157-4878) (C)

SUBJECT: EDWARD LEWIS

OO: Los Angeles
PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION
(INITIATED 8/2/76)

Re Legat Mexico City letter and letterhead memorandum dated 7/7/76, Los Angeles letter to Washington Field dated 9/7/76 and Washington Field letter to Los Angeles dated 10/21/76.

This preliminary investigation was initiated to determine if EDWARD LEWIS, in view of his travel to Cuba in April 1976 without apparent United States Department of State authorization, [REDACTED]

Referenced Legat Mexico City letter and letterhead memorandum reflected that a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that EDWARD LEWIS, age 56, 146 Groverton Place, Los Angeles, Passport Number C1591515, travelled via air from Mexico City, Mexico, to Havana, Cuba, 4/19/76 without evidence of United States Department of State authorization. He was reported as a United States citizen. The above mentioned source was [REDACTED]

On 9/1/76, California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) inquiry reflected that EDWARD LEWIS resides at 146 Groverton Place, Los Angeles, California. He was described as a male, 5'8", 150 pounds, brown eyes, black hair, born 12/16/19, with California Driver's License Number Y523394.

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form per 1056

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On 10/18/76, SC [] caused the records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C. to be reviewed concerning EDWARD LEWIS and obtained the following information:

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Passport Number	C1591515
Issued	2/17/72
	Los Angeles, California
Restrictions	Valid for five years
	Travel to all countries
	except Cuba, North
	Korea and North Vietnam
Date of Birth	12/16/19
Place of Birth	Camden, New Jersey
Permanent Residence	214 St. Pierre Road
	Bel Air, California

Height	5'8"
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Race	White
Occupation	Producer
Social Security Number	157-05-2998
Marriage Data	Married 9/6/46

Europe
CWBA
LEWIS

MRS. Edward LEWIS

Travel Data

Born 10/12/20
Brooklyn, New York
Via air 4/26/72

Three weeks stay in
Europe for business
and pleasure

Parents

Father - MAX LEWIS

Born 11/11/94

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Mother - FLORENCE KLINE LEWIS

Born 7/22/96

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

On 10/20/76, SC [] caused the records of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles, California, to be reviewed concerning subject with negative results.

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On 10/26/76, SC [] caused the records of the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles, California, to be reviewed concerning subject with negative results.

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On 10/27 and 29/76, spot checks for vehicles were made at 146 Groverton Place, Los Angeles, by SA [] with negative results.

On 11/29/76, [] a source who has provided reliable information in the past, advised SA [] that in April 1976, EDWARD LEWIS, a producer or director connected with the movie industry in Los Angeles, travelled to Cuba to participate in making a film concerning the cultural life in Cuba under socialism. His wife, MILDRED LEWIS, Los Angeles File [] accompanied him because she wanted to see Cuba and to source's knowledge, was only a visitor with no part in making the film. []

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[] Los Angeles File [] at one time, was scheduled to make the trip but source was unaware of actual travel on her part. At the time of travel, source was not aware of the employment status of MILDRED LEWIS other than housewife and recalls that [] unknown.

~~CP~~ Source further advised that EDWARD, MILDRED and [] are not known to be current members of the Southern California District, Communist Party USA and/or any other similar group.

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On 12/1/76, SC [] caused the records of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, Los Angeles, California, to be reviewed concerning subject and obtained the following information:

Name	EDWARD LEWIS
Address	146 Groverton Place Los Angeles, California
Height	5'9"
Date of Birth	12/16/19
Place of Birth	New Jersey

LA 157-4878

Occupation
Date Registered
Former Address

Producer
8/7/76
3247 Rockingham
Los Angeles, California

A review of the Los Angeles file concerning subject reveals that available background data concerning LEWIS has previously been submitted in a form suitable for dissemination.

Further, it does not appear from the information available, that additional investigation and/or full investigation is justified at this time in view of existing guidelines nor does it appear that an interview would be productive.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/3/76

FROM: *ADIC* ADIC, LOS ANGELES (C)

SUBJECT:

OO: Los Angeles
PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION
(INITIATED 8/2/76)

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Re Legat Mexico City letter and letterhead memorandum dated 7/7/76, Los Angeles letter and airtel to Washington Field dated 9/7/76, 10/15/76, and Washington Field airtel and letter dated 9/30/76, 11/17/76. *NR comm. l.ahr 3/9/77*

See end of
This preliminary investigation was initiated to determine if in view of her travel to Cuba in April 1976 without apparent United States Department of State authorization,

In referenced Legat Mexico City letter and letterhead memorandum, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a United States citizen, years of age, United States Passport Number , travelled via air, 4/19/76, from Mexico City, Mexico, to Havana, Cuba, with no evidence of United States Department of State authorization. The above information was provided by

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On 9/1/76, California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) inquiry revealed that [redacted]
[redacted] resides at [redacted]
effective 6/22/76 and is described as follows:

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Height
Weight
Eyes
Hair
Date of Birth
California Driver's
License Number
Other Address

[redacted]

The following agencies in Los Angeles have been contacted concerning subject with negative results:

Los Angeles County
Registrar of Voters
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Los Angeles County
Bureau of Vital Records
Birth Records
10/19/76
SC [redacted]

Los Angeles County
Sheriff's Office
10/19/76
SC [redacted]

Los Angeles Police Department
10/26/76
SC [redacted]

On 10/27 and 29/76, spot checks for vehicles were made at [redacted] by SA [redacted]
[redacted] with negative results.

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On 11/10/76, results were received from submitted FD-9 and LA 18 (Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Sacramento, California) and both were negative.

On 11/10/76, SC [redacted] caused the records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C. to be reviewed and obtained the following information concerning [redacted]

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Date of Birth
Place of Birth

Permanent Residence

Height
Hair
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Social Security Number
Occupation
Parents

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Marriage Data
Travel Data

It should be noted that above Passport Number is different from passport number provided by [redacted]

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On 11/29/76, [redacted] a source who has provided reliable information in the past, advised SA [redacted] that in April 1976, EDWARD LEWIS, a producer or director connected with the movie industry in Los Angeles, travelled to Cuba to participate in making a film concerning the cultural life in Cuba under socialism. His wife, MILDRED LEWIS, accompanied him because she wanted to see Cuba and to source's knowledge, was only a visitor with no part in making the film. [redacted] at one time, was scheduled to make the trip but source was unaware of actual travel on her part.

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Source further advised that at the time [redacted] [redacted] unknown, and if in fact she did make the trip, it would have been strictly of a social nature. Source stated that [redacted] is not known to be a current member of the Southern California District, Communist Party USA and/or any other similar group.

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It should be noted that [redacted]
[redacted]

A review of the Los Angeles Office indices has failed to reveal references and/or other subject files identical to subject.

Inasmuch as information available appears to indicate that interview and a full investigation are not warranted at this time under existing guidelines, no further investigation is being conducted and no letter-head memorandum is being submitted.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/10/76

FROM : ADIC, LOS ANGELES [REDACTED] (C)

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SUBJECT: MILDRED LEWIS, aka
Mildred Gerchik
[REDACTED]

PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION
(Initiated 8/2/76)

Edward Lewis

Re Legat Mexico City letter and letterhead memorandum to Bureau dated 7/7/76, Los Angeles letter to Washington Field dated 9/7/76, and Washington Field letter to Los Angeles dated 11/11/76.

This preliminary investigation was initiated to determine if captioned individual, in view of her travel to Cuba April, 1976, without apparent United States Department of State authorization, [REDACTED]

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Referenced Legat Mexico City letterhead memorandum reflected information provided by [REDACTED] indicating that MILDRED LEWIS, United States citizen, age 50, 146 Groverton Place, Los Angeles, California, Passport Number C1591517, travelled via air from Mexico City, Mexico, to Havana, Cuba, 4/19/76, with no evidence of United States Department of State authorization.

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On 9/1/76, California Law Enforcement Teletype System (CLETS) inquiry reflected that one MILDRED LEWIS, 146 Groverton Place, Los Angeles, California, was described as follows:

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Sex	Female
Height	5'4"
Weight	120 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Blond
Date of Birth	10/12/20
California Drivers License Number	Y083908

On 10/1/76, records of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, Los Angeles, reflected that MILDRED LEWIS, 146 Groverton Place, Los Angeles, California, 90024, Producer, 5'4" tall, born 10/12/--, at New York, registered 7/31/75.

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On 10/19/76, and 10/26/76, records of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office and Los Angeles Police Department, respectively, were caused to be reviewed concerning subject with negative results.

On 10/27/76, and 10/29/76, spot checks for vehicle license numbers were made at 146 Groverton Place, Los Angeles, California, with negative results.

On 11/29/76, *Mrs.* [redacted] a source who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that in April, 1976, EDWARD LEWIS, a producer or director connected with the movie industry in Los Angeles, travelled to Cuba to participate in making a film concerning the cultural life of Cuba under Socialism. His wife, MILDRED LEWIS, accompanied him because she wanted to see Cuba and to source's knowledge was a visitor with no part in making the film. At the time of travel, source was not aware of any employment for MILDRED LEWIS other than housewife.

Source further advised that EDWARD and MILDRED LEWIS are not known to be current members of the Southern California District, Communist Party, United States of America, or any other similar group.

A review of the Los Angeles Office indices revealed 100-75270-116, reflecting that on 8/23/70, one

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MILDRED LEWIS, 214 St. Pierre Road, attended a Committee United for Political Prisoners (CUPP) sponsored fund raising function held at 705 Pacific Coast Highway, Santa Monica, California. For information of the Bureau, CUPP, now defunct, was a fund raising organization for the Black Panther Party.

No other references located that could be identified with the subject.

Subject's husband, EDWARD LEWIS, is subject of Los Angeles file 157-4878, Bureau file 157-17911; and [REDACTED]

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It should be noted that the passport of subject's husband, EDWARD LEWIS, indicated he was married to MILDRED GERCHIK, born 10/12/20, at Brooklyn, New York. Also, the passport for [REDACTED] reflected MILDRED GERCHIK, born 10/11/20, at New York, New York.

It is further noted that when Washington Field was requested to review passport records concerning [REDACTED] passport number [REDACTED] provided by [REDACTED] the passport number revealed information concerning one [REDACTED] passport number was subsequently determined to be [REDACTED]


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Subject's passport number provided by above source was [REDACTED] determined by Washington Field as issued to one [REDACTED] Further review of the passport records under subject's name was unproductive in view of limited identifying data available at that time.

In view of the above it appears [REDACTED] made a mistake when providing passport numbers for subject and daughter.

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Inasmuch as sufficient background data is available concerning subject, additional requests were not made to locate subject's passport application.

 In view of the above information, it does not appear that a full investigation is warranted at this time under existing investigative guidelines nor does it appear that an interview with subject would be productive. Therefore, no further action will be taken regarding this matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-17911)

DATE: 2/8/77

FROM : ADIC, LOS ANGELES (157-4878) (C)

SUBJECT: EDWARD LEWIS

OO: Los Angeles

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Re Los Angeles letter to FBI Headquarters, 12/3/76, and FBI Headquarters form 0-7, 1/10/77.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning subject.

Sources utilized in the enclosed letterhead memorandum are as follows:

Source one - [redacted]

Source two - [redacted]

Records, United States Passport Office, Washington, D.C., were reviewed by SC [redacted]

No dissemination required. Travel authorization lifted. Subject a movie producer. Rtc

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Records, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office and Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles were caused to be reviewed by SC [redacted] and [redacted] respectively.

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Contact with [redacted] was made by SA [redacted]

Records, Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, Los Angeles were reviewed by SC [redacted]

Statements concerning further investigative action and interview are set forth in referenced Los Angeles letter and have not been changed. 3 FEB 18 1977

The enclosed letterhead memorandum is classified confidential to protect [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California
February 8, 1977

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

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EDWARD LEWIS
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

The information reflected herein is not classified unless immediately followed by ~~confidential~~ indicated as (C). (U)

This preliminary investigation was initiated to determine if Edward Lewis, in view of his travel to Cuba in April 1976, without apparent United States Department of State authorization, [REDACTED]

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On April 19, 1976, Source one advised that Edward Lewis, a United States Citizen, age 56, residing at 146 Groverton Place, Los Angeles, California, traveled via air from Mexico City, Mexico, to Havana, Cuba, April 19, 1976, without evidence of United States Department of State authorization. (C) (U)

On September 1, 1976, California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) inquiry reflected that Edward Lewis resides at 146 Groverton Place, Los Angeles, California. He was described as a male, 5'8", 150 pounds, brown eyes, black hair, born December 16, 1919, with California driver's license number Y523394.

On October 18, 1976, records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., reflected the following information concerning Edward Lewis:

Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past, except where otherwise noted.

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ENCLOSURE 157-17911-9

EDWARD LEWIS

Passport Number C1591515
Issued February 17, 1972
Los Angeles, California
Restrictions Valid for five years
Travel to all countries
except Cuba, North
Korea, and North Vietnam
Date of Birth December 16, 1919
Place of Birth Camden, New Jersey
Permanent Residence 214 St. Pierre Road
Bel Air, California
Height 5'8"
Hair Black
Eyes Brown
Race White
Occupation Producer
Social Security
Account Number 157-05-2998
Marriage Data Married September 6, 1946
MRS. EDWARD LEWIS Mildred Gerchik LEWIS
214 ST. PIERRE Rd Born October 12, 1920
BEL AIR, CA. Brooklyn, New York
Travel Data Via air, April 26, 1972
Three weeks stay in Europe
for business and pleasure

Parents

Father - Max Lewis
Born November 11, 1894
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Mother - Florence Kline LEWIS
USA Borne July 22, 1896 MRS. MAX LEWIS
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania N.J.

On October 20, 1976, records, Los Angeles
County Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles, California, were
caused to be reviewed concerning Lewis by a representative
of the FBI with negative results.

On October 26, 1976, records, Los Angeles
Police Department, Los Angeles, California, were
caused to be reviewed concerning Lewis by a representative
of the FBI, with negative results.

EDWARD LEWIS

On November 29, 1976, Source two advised that in April 1976, Edward Lewis, a producer or director connected with the movie industry in Los Angeles, traveled to Cuba to participate in making a film concerning the cultural life in Cuba under Socialism.

Source two further advised that Edward Lewis is not known to be a current member of the Southern California District, Communist Party, U.S.A. (see appendix) and/or any other similar group.

On December 1, 1976, records, Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, Los Angeles, California, as reviewed by a representative of the FBI, reflected the following information:

Name	Edward Lewis
Address	146 Groverton Place, Los Angeles, California
Height	5'9"
Date of Birth	December 16, 1919
Place of Birth	New Jersey
Occupation	Producer
Date Registered	August 7, 1976
Former Address	3247 Rockingham Los Angeles, California

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA (CPUSA)

Title 50, USC, Section 781 (Internal Security Act of 1950) stated that, as a result of evidence adduced before various committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, Congress found the existence of a world communist revolutionary movement, whose purpose is to establish a communist totalitarian dictatorship in the world's countries through the medium of a world-wide communist organization. Communist action organizations in various countries endeavor to carry out the objectives of the world communist movement by bringing about the overthrow of existing governments by any means. The communist organization in the United States -- the CPUSA -- pursuing its stated objectives, presents "a clear and present danger to the security of the United States." The Subversive Activities Control Board, established by Section 791 of the above Act, found the CPUSA to be a communist action organization. This finding was upheld by the United States Supreme Court in June, 1961. The CPUSA has continued to be an arm of the international communist movement dominated by the Soviet Union. The CPUSA, in its dependence on the Soviet Union, has never knowingly adopted a position contrary to Soviet policy. Its leaders frequently confer with Soviet leaders to receive guidance and direction on the policies the CPUSA is to follow. There has been no evidence that the primary aims of the CPUSA, as they conform to Soviet objectives, have changed over the years.